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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes  
Director of Public Works

### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST (ACE) PROJECT AUGUST 25, 2003, MEETING**

On August 25, 2003, a member of my staff attended the regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-ACE Construction Authority. A copy of the agenda and the adopted minutes of the July 28, 2003, meeting is attached. The following items occurred at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

Under Agenda Item IV, no remarks were provided as the Chairman was on vacation.

Under Agenda Item V, the Chief Executive Officer reported that all bids received for the installation of field traffic devices for the IR/RIS project were significantly above both the estimate and budget and were, therefore, rejected. The bid documents are being revised to better define certain elements of the project, and the project will be readvertised in this month. The Chief Executive Officer also reported that the ACE staff is proceeding with the construction contract procurement for the East End Avenue and Reservoir Street grade separations.

Under Agenda Item VI, the ACE Construction Authority Board approved a Resolution of Necessity for Property Acquisition for the East End/Reservoir Grade Separation for property at 955 Price Street in the City of Pomona.

Under Agenda Item VII, the ACE Construction Authority Board received an oral presentation from its staff on the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation design. The staff reported that it had negotiated the use of less conservative vertical curve standards than the Union Pacific Railroad uses, which should save \$10 million in costs. The staff also reported that it had negotiated a reduction of track separation from 20' to 15'

and an increase in the steepness of the embankment slopes in order to minimize the footprint and, thus, reduce property impacts. Design is scheduled to be completed in March 2004, but construction funding was reported as uncertain.

Under Agenda Item VIII, the ACE Construction Authority staff reported that the Fiscal Year 2004 State Budget was approved earlier this month by the Governor and the State legislature. It was noted that the budget preserved \$189 million for the Traffic Congestion Relief Program, which means that the previously approved \$61.6 million ACE allocations will be honored and the ACE Construction Authority can proceed as planned in its 2004 budget. It was further noted that the remaining \$68 million in Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds previously committed for construction at Baldwin, Sunset, and Brea Canyon will be deferred beyond 2004. The staff also noted that the budget allocates an additional \$173 million from the General Fund to the State Transportation Improvement Program. The staff is hopeful these funds will allow the California Transportation Commission to honor commitments on previously approved State Transportation Improvement Program projects. The California Transportation Commission has not indicated how it will deal with additional allocation in Fiscal Year 2004 that ACE needs to proceed with projects. On the Federal level, the staff reported that the ACE project received \$3.25 million in the Fiscal Year 2004 House Transportation Committee Appropriations Bill and that the ACE staff is trying to get the \$170 million funding for trade corridors increased to \$2 billion per year.

Under Agenda Item IX, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with DMJM+Harris, Inc., for design of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation. The amendment will increase the contract by \$347,500 to a contract value of \$3,031,556. The increase in the contract amount is needed to meet unanticipated pump station requirements.

Under Agenda Item X, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with DMJM+Harris, Inc., for design of the Ramona Boulevard grade separation. The amendment will increase the contract by \$392,272 to a contract value of \$2,861,619. The increase in the contract amount is needed to meet the requirements of Union Pacific Railroad to design future expansion capability into the structure and to meet requirements negotiated with the City of El Monte for the pumphouse.

Under Agenda Item XI, the ACE Construction Authority Board authorized the staff to purchase a portion of property located at 218 Machlin Court in the City of Industry necessary for the construction of the Temple Avenue Train Diversion.

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The need for the property was identified late in the design process and, therefore, it was not included in the original acquisition approval. The terms and conditions were to be discussed in executive session at this meeting.

Under Agenda Item XII, the ACE Construction Authority Board went into closed session, for a conference with real property negotiators. At the end of the closed session, the Board announced the proposed settlement with the owners of the property in Agenda Item XI. The settlement, totaling \$77,010, consists of \$56,640 in fee, \$8,290 in permanent utilities easement, and \$12,080 in temporary easement.

The next meeting of the ACE Construction Authority Board will be on September 22, 2003, at Irwindale City Hall at 1 p.m.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
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# Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA Monday, August 25, 2003, 1 P.M. Irwindale City Hall - Council Chambers 5050 Irwindale Avenue Irwindale, CA 91706

Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three- minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of discussion.

All items set forth on this agenda may be subject to action.

### Roll Call and Introductions

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| II   | Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of July 28, 2003 (Pages 1-3)  | Action          |
| III  | Public Comment  |                 |
| IV   | Chairman's Remarks  | Information     |
| V    | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 4-12)   | Information     |
| VI   | Hearing on Resolution of Necessity for Property Acquisition for East End/Reservoir Grade Separation in the City of Pomona (Pages 13-25) | Action          |
|      | • Resolution No. 03-10 - 955 Price Street, Pomona, CA 91766   |                 |
| VII  | Update on Sunset Avenue Grade Separation Design (Oral presentation)   | Information     |
| VIII | State and Federal Funding Update (Pages 26-29)  | Information     |
| IX   | Approval of Contract Amendment for Brea Canyon Road Design Services Contract with DMJM+Harris (Pages 30-31)                             | Action          |
| X    | Approval of Contract Amendment for Ramona Blvd. Design Services Contract with DMJM+Harris (Pages 32-33)                                 | Action          |
| XI   | Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project - Authorization for Property Acquisition (Pages 34-36)  | Action          |
| XII  | Closed Session: Conference with Real Property Negotiators in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8                            | Possible Action |

The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdictions: the City of El Monte, the City of Industry, the City of Montebello, the City of San Gabriel, the City of Pomona, the County of Los Angeles, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.

Property Address: 218 Machlin Court, Industry, CA

Agency Negotiators: Mark Mendoza, Paragon Partners/Joe Montes, Burke, Williams & Sorenson, LLP

Negotiating Parties: ACE Construction Authority and SL Investments

Matters under negotiation: Price and Terms

XIII. Adjournment



**ACE Construction Authority  
Regular Board Meeting  
July 28, 2003 Minutes**

Chairman Harry Baldwin called the meeting to order at the Irwindale Council Chambers on Monday, July 28, 2003 at 1:00 PM.

**1. In attendance were:**

Harry Baldwin, Chair, San Gabriel  
Ernie Gutierrez, El Monte  
Gloria Molina, County of Los Angeles  
Jack Phillips, Industry  
Ed Vasquez, Montebello  
Ed Cortez, Pomona  
Bob Huff, SGVCOG, Diamond Bar

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer  
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel  
Sharon Neely, staff  
Deanna Stanley, staff  
Robert Alvarez, staff  
Cynthia Ambrose, staff

Guests

Rob Van Riel, Senator Nell Soto  
Nora Gutierrez, Assemblyman Ed Chavez  
Pat Wallach, El Monte  
Greg Jaquez, LA County DWP  
Raul Kumar, Foothill Transit  
Henry Lopez, Foothill Transit

**2. Approval of minutes of meeting of June 23, 2003**

A motion was made to approve the June 23, 2003 meeting minutes.  
M/S/C: Cortez/Gutierrez/Unanimous

**3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **4. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman reported the Authority received CTC approval of \$3.7 for Ramona Blvd project right-of-way and thanked Supervisor Molina for her support in this effort. He reported the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments would be meeting on Thursday and will receive the ACE FY '04 budget. The Chairman further reported that on Sunday, the Senate approved the FY '04 State budget and deferred \$856 million of the \$1.145 billion Traffic Congestion Relief Program funds. He indicated the Senate action will leave \$289 million previously approved and new allocations in FY '04 and that a trailer bill will clarify what the \$289 million can be used for.

#### **5. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Richmond referred to page 5 of the agenda and reviewed the process for adoption of annual DBE goals and the proposed 17% goal was being circulated for public review. Mr. Richmond reported that a presentation of the Jump Start and IR/RIS program was made at a workshop held by Senator Nell Soto. The Senator wanted to share ACE Project information with other cities due to state funding shortfalls delaying construction of railroad grade separations. The CEO reported that the House Transportation Appropriation Committee had provided a funding earmark of \$3.25 million for the ACE Project. The CEO reported that a notice was sent earlier in the month to interested parties delaying the advertisement of the East End/Reservoir construction contract given the State's unresolved budget. Mr. Richmond indicated the project would be reactivated once the state budget is approved. Jim Connolly, Bechtel-Korve Program Manager, provided a summary of the activities over the last month.

#### **6. Approval Design Services Contract Amendment for Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project with HDR Engineering**

Mr. Richmond indicated HDR Engineering was the designer for the Temple Avenue Train Diversion Project and that as the project moves into construction phase, design support is required. He reviewed the design support tasks required. After discussion, a motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with HDR Engineering to increase the contract amount by \$499,569 to a new contract value of \$4,157,595 and extend the completion date to July 2006.  
M/S/C: Gutierrez/Huff/Unanimous

#### **7. Quarterly Report**

Rick reviewed the progress of the project over the quarter ending June, 2003. He indicated additional design costs and schedule delays to Temple Ave and Brea Canyon Road projects were results from the Union Pacific design requests. He reviewed other schedule changes due to state budget funding issues. Mr. Richmond further reviewed accomplishments that included safety improvements at 34

crossings, Nogales Street utility relocations nearing completion and Pomona four-quadrant gate construction underway.

**11. Closed Session**

Joe Silvey, ACE Legal Counsel indicated that in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8 the Board would recess to closed session to discuss real estate negotiations.

The Board returned to open session and Legal Counsel announced that there was no action to report.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM